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Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capital Mall Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2004/05-2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

14 State and Local Elements

Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in SCAG region. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP), Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSPPP), and the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 14 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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Enclosures

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